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Spy diaries snatched

U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENTS FIND SHOT RUSSIAN'S STORY HIDDEN IN SECRET DRAWER

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THE intimate diaries of spy Oleg Penkovsky—executed in Russia after standing trial with Briton Greville Wynne—have been smuggled out of Moscow by American Intelligence.

They give in detail his version of his association with Mr. Greville Wynne, the business man released from a Soviet jail in exchange for Gordon Lonsdale.

The diaries, which run to 75,000 words, were found in a secret drawer in the Russian's desk.

THEY DESCRIBE his undercover work in exposing the build-up of Soviet missiles in Cuba.

THEY EXPLAIN how the Americans were misled into believing that they were lagging far behind Russian H-bomb missiles.

THEY SHED LIGHT on the spy's highly emotional character, which led to his detection after being America's most successful Iron Curtain agent for several years.

'Triumph'

Penkovsky went before a firing squad two years ago next month.

His writings were translated by Central Intelligence Agency experts, who regard their discovery as a triumph. The Russians, of course, will deny they are authentic.

The agency is promoting publication of the diaries as an impressive indictment of the Soviet régime. But that will not be welcomed by Britain's MI5 chiefs.

They have been expecting Russian retaliation ever since Mr. Greville Wynne published his memoirs in England—a breach, Moscow claims, of the agreement that gave him his freedom.

British Intelligence is worried in case Russian agents discover the names and addresses of the heads of MI5 and the Secret Service.

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